

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be given a practical shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). There is no new or specific proposal for rapid development of rural areas in the Country. However, the approach of integrated area development is to be adopted during the Eighth Five Year Plan. This is based on the premise that decentralised planning and implementation of these schemes will make a better impact on the problems of poverty. The details of this approach would be included in the Eighth Five Year Plan Document.

Allotment of Land to Government of Orissa in Vicinity of Delhi University

6621. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received for allotment of five acres of land in the vicinity of Delhi University to the Government of Orissa for the construction of a hostel with a library and reference Centre for the students of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A representation has been received from the Delhi Oriya Students Association (Reg.) dated 6th March, 1992 wherein they have requested to allot five acres of land in the vicinity of Delhi University for the construction of a full fledged hostel (along with a cultural centre and a reference library) by the Government of Orissa.

(c) The request has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and it has been decided that the request for hostels should be accommodated within the land available with Delhi University.

Prevention of Closure of Sick Units

6622. SHRI ANKUSHRAO AOSAHEB TOPE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a bill to prevent closure of sick, loss making and extremely unviable units as also the bankrupt private and public sector companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Collaboration with European Community

6623. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Community is keen on entering in to long term collaborations arrangements with Indian firm in the field of machine tools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.

KURIEN): (a) to (c). As a sequel to the discussions on Indo-EC Working Group for Industrial Cooperation held in New Delhi on 26th September, 1991, a delegation of European Manufacturers and Importers of Machine Tools, sponsored by European Committee for Cooperation of Machine Tool Industries (CECIMO) and the European Liaison Committee of Machine Tools Importers (CELIMO), visited India during IMTEX '92 Exhibition organised by All-India Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association from 7th to 16th March, 1992 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. During interaction with individuals, participants from both sides evinced interest for long-term collaboration and the discussions were focused on possibility of technology transfer, scope of sourcing of components and sub-assemblies from India; and imports and exports of machine tools between India and Europe. This visit helped the European visitors to understand the capability of Indian Industry as well as in identifying specific areas of collaboration. The Government encourages such collaborations. Machine tool being a high technology industry, is eligible for automatic foreign collaboration approval in terms of Press Note No. 10 of Industrial Licence Policy announced in July, 1991

[*Translation*]

Faulty Water Tank in Nand Nagari

6624. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the non-supply of water from the Water tank constructed in the Nand Nagari of Delhi even when there is shortage of water in this area;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the complaints regarding cracks in the said tank had been received immediately after its construction; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Special Arrangement for Storage Facility

6625. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to make special arrangements for the storage and preservation of potato, vegetables and fruits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The National Horticulture Board (NHB) in collaboration with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is implementing a scheme on strengthening of post harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops which provides short duration cold storage/pre-cooling units. The NHB is also providing assistance for installation of juice vending machines for marketing of fruit juices/ fruit based beverages.

Ministry of Food Processing Industry is implementing the following Schemes:-

(i) Schemes for Development of Food,